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H. R. 5872

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
Urban Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins
in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts
of America, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Boy Scouts of America
3 Centennial Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) The Boy Scouts of America will celebrate
7 its centennial on February 8, 2010.

8 (2) The Boy Scouts of America is the largest
9 youth organization in the United States, with
10 3,000,000 youth members and 1,000,000 adult lead-
11 ers in the traditional programs of Cub Scouts, Boy
12 Scouts, and Venturing.

13 (3) Since 1910, more than 111,000,000 youth
14 have participated in Scouting’s traditional programs.

15 (4) The Boy Scouts of America was granted a
16 Federal charter in 1916 by an Act of the 64th Con-
17 gress which was signed into law by President Wood-
18 row Wilson.

19 (5) In the 110th Congress, 248 members of the
20 House of Representative and the Senate have par-
21 ticipated in Boy Scouts of America as Scouts or
22 adult leaders.

23 (6) The mission of the Boy Scouts of America
24 is “to prepare young people to make ethical and
25 moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in
26 them the values of the Scout Oath and Law”.

1 (7) Every day across our Nation, Scouts and
2 their leaders pledge to live up the promise in the
3 Scout Oath—“On my honor I will do my best, To
4 do my duty to God and my country and to obey the
5 Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To
6 keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and
7 morally straight”—and the Scout Law, according to
8 which a Scout is “Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
9 Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
10 Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent”.

11 (8) In the past 4 years alone, Scouting youth
12 and their leaders have volunteered more than
13 6,500,000 hours of service to their communities
14 through more than 75,000 service projects, bene-
15 fitting food banks, local schools, and civic organiza-
16 tions.

17 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

18 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
19 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
20 shall mint and issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in
21 commemoration of the centennial of the founding of the
22 Boy Scouts of America, each of which shall—

23 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

24 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

1 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
2 copper.

3 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
4 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
5 title 31, United States Code.

6 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
7 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
8 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
9 matic items.

10 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

11 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
13 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
14 100 years of the largest youth organization in
15 United States, the Boy Scouts of America.

16 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
17 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

18 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

19 (B) an inscription of the year “2010”; and

20 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

21 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-

22 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

23 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
24 under this Act shall be—

1 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
2 with the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of
3 America and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

4 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
5 Committee.

6 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

7 (a) **QUALITY OF COINS.**—Coins minted under this
8 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

9 (b) **MINT FACILITY.**—Only 1 facility of the United
10 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
11 of the coins minted under this Act.

12 (c) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
13 issue coins under this Act only on or after February 8,
14 2010, and before January 1, 2011.

15 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

16 (a) **SALE PRICE.**—The coins issued under this Act
17 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
18 of—

19 (1) the face value of the coins;

20 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-
21 spect to such coins; and

22 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
23 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
24 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

1 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
2 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
3 discount.

4 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
6 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
7 before the issuance of such coins.

8 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
9 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
10 sonable discount.

11 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
13 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

14 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
15 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
16 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
17 shall be paid to the National Boy Scouts of America Foun-
18 dation, which funds will be made available to local councils
19 in the form of grants for the extension of Scouting in hard
20 to serve areas.

21 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
22 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
23 documents, and other data of the National Boy Scouts of
24 America Foundation as may be related to the expenditures
25 of amounts paid under subsection (b).

1 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
2 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
3 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
4 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
5 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
6 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
7 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
8 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
9 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
10 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
11 this subsection.

Passed the House of Representatives May 15, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.